

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/723,510

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to January 13, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S COMMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. All previous rejections have been overcome by the amendment filed January 13, 2006 and the rejections are withdrawn. **Claims 1-26** are now pending in the application.

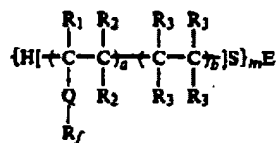
Reasons For Allowance

2. **Claims 1-26** are allowed.
3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The instant claims are allowable over prior art to Dams et al. (US 5,276,175).

The present claims are directed to a coating composition comprising a fluorochemical oligomeric compound of the formula given in claim 1 and an antisoiling compound.

Prior art to Dams et al. concerns fluorochemical compositions comprising fluorinated compounds comprising fluorochemical oligomeric portion and useful for application on fibrous substrates to impart water repellency (abstract). The fluorinated compounds may have formula I or II, represented by $(A-Z)_nR$ or $A(Z-R)_n$ respectively, wherein A is a fluorochemical oligomeric portion of the following formula is:



The various groups in the oligomer are similar to that disclosed in claim 1 of the instant invention. However, in contrast to the instant invention, the prior art oligomeric compound includes at least one substituent R₁, R₂, R₃, Q, E or R that imparts soft hand, stain release, water

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repellency. Representative groups that impart special properties are disclosed as polymerizable olefin, epoxy, amino, hydroxyl, acid groups, polymethylphenylsiloxanyl, polydimethylsiloxanyl etc. Additionally, the prior art does not teach or suggest that at least one of R₂ and R₅ groups in the oligomeric compound has 12 or more carbon atoms oligomeric compound or the inclusion of an antisoiling compound in the fluoro oligomer-containing compositions. Therefore, the instantly claimed invention is deemed allowable over closest prior art of record as per said art neither anticipating nor rendering, alone or in combination, the instantly claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

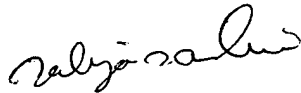
Future Correspondence

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri whose telephone number is 571-272-1112.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300 for regular communications. The unofficial direct fax phone number to the Examiner's desk is 571-273-1112.


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